

Minutes

Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council Meeting

April 18, 2023

Present Carol Tomsic, Marylyn Reimann, Henry Reimann, Sally Phillips, Carol Landa-McVicker, Linda, Mark Carlos, Angela Richardson, Nicolette Ocheltree, Joan Zimmer, Debbie Walker, Theresa Bidowski, William Bidowski, Shawn Terjeson, Ron Singerman, Linda Singerman, Marcia Milani, Chuck Milani, Ruth Mincks, Hadley Morrow, Marilyn Lloyd.

Meeting called to order by Chair Carol Tomsic at 6 p.m. via Zoom

Neighborhood Clean-up Day

Sally Phillips, our Clean up Coordinator, reported that Neighborhood Clean Up Day is next month: May 10 N of 29th and May 11, S of 29th. Two large items or bundles that don't fit in the garbage bin can be placed on curb for free pickup. Postcards are being sent to residents and information is available on the city website.

South Perry Library Update

Angela Richardson, Customer Experience Manager for the Spokane Public Library, reported that the S Perry Library which has been renovated was successfully reopened on March 21. There is a new children's area, study nooks, and event rooms. She said the calendar of events is available online.

Angela can be reached at arichardson@spokane [HYPERLINK](mailto:arichardson@spokanelibrary.org)
["mailto:arichardson@spokanelibrary.org"library.org](mailto:arichardson@spokanelibrary.org).

Homelessness Report

Nicolette Ocheltree, City Counsel Manager of Housing and Homelessness Initiatives, reported on the initiatives underway to reduce homelessness in Spokane and some of the challenges being faced such as the need to update information on the sheltermespokane web site which is supposed to provide real time information on beds available throughout the system. Her presentation offered ways to volunteer. She also said that there is an online Community survey that residents can fill out. So far 223 people have completed the survey. In order to achieve a successful long-term policies require the collection of good data. Addressing homelessness is very expensive and studies show it is cheaper to prevent it. An encouraging event recently took place with the graduation of homeless residents at Camp Hope in a pre-employment basic skills class. She said that there will be a community forum on Homelessness at the Central Library on April 24th from 9-11 that will include local officials and a presentation from Mandy Champman Semple, Special Assistant to the Mayor for Homeless Initiative in Huston, Tx. More information on regional efforts can be found at <https://spokaneunite.org>
Nicolette can be reached at nocheltree@spokanecity.org

Community Engagement Grant

Marilyn Lloyd reported that she continues to work on the Community Engagement Grant. Carol Tomsic said this money is for outreach, for example setting up a booth at the S Perry Neighborhood Fair, and for signage. There was discussion on types of signs, where they might be located, e.g. grocery stores and in parks.

Marilyn presented the attached proposal. The grant application will be voted on at the May meeting.

Report from City Council

Mark Carlos, from Council Member Betsy Wilkerson's office, said that he would take the ideas about signage back to the Councilwoman. He reported that Chick-fil-a has withdrawn from siting a business on 29th. There will be a seminar at the MLK Center on April 26th from 5:30 – 7 to discuss how to spend pandemic money. There will also be a meeting with WSDOT on May 10, 5:30 to 7 at the Hive on E Sprague to discuss the impact on the neighborhoods of the NorthSouth freeway connecting to I90. This will also be a topic at the next LHNC meeting.

Mark reported that the new concourse will be opening at the Airport. He also said that the Cannon St Shelter is not shutting down but will be repurposed to focus on a more regional approach.

Carlos can be reached at mcarlos@spokanecity.org and Council Woman Wilkerson can be reached at [Bwilkerson HYPERLINK "mailto:Bwilkerson@spokanecity.org"@spokanecity.org](mailto:Bwilkerson@spokanecity.org).

The Perry Street Fair is scheduled for July 15, and the LHNC will have a booth. There was discussion on supporting small local businesses, making our neighborhoods more walkable.

Mark said that Steven Macdonald, Director of Community and Economic Development for the City of Spokane can be reached at smacdonald@spokanecity.org.

Our next meeting will be in person at the Southside Center on May 16 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Landa-McVicker, Secretary